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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LIN, CHIN CHENG

Examiner

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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11-19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/01/04.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) **HUNG VAN DUONG**  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_ **PRIMARY EXAMINER**
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-5, 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lim et al (US 2005/0115743).

Regarding claims 1-5, 7-10 Lim et al disclose a housing structure comprising: a first case 1 including a first inner wall 111 with an extension plate, wherein the length of the extension plate is h; and a second case 2 including a second inner wall 211 with a rib, wherein a notch defined between the rib and the second inner wall 211, and the depth the notch is h; wherein the extension plate engages the notch when the first case 1 is joined with the second case 2 wherein the first inner wall 111 includes an end surface and the extension plate extends from the end surface wherein the first case 1 further includes a first connecting portion, the second case 2 further includes a second connecting portion, and the first connecting portion is joined with the second connecting portion in a separable manner when the first case 1 is joined with the second case 2

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wherein the first connecting portion integrally formed on the first inner wall 111 wherein the second connecting portion integrally formed on the second inner wall 211 wherein the extension plate integrally formed on the first inner wall 111 wherein the rib is integrally formed on the second inner wall 211 wherein the first case 1 is substantially provided with a uniform cross section wherein the second case 2 is substantially provided with a uniform cross section.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lim et al (US 2005/0115743) in view of Japan 339174).

Regarding claim 6 Lim et al disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention except for the first connecting portion includes a positioning plate and a hole formed on the positioning plate. However Japan 174 discloses the first connecting portion includes a positioning plate and a hole formed on the positioning plate (see figure 11). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill to modify the first connecting portion includes a positioning plate and a hole formed on the positioning

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plate of Japan 174's portion plate into Lim et al's portion plate in order to be good connection.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 11-19 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fails to show that a first case including a first inner wall with a Z-shaped end surface, wherein an extension plate is formed on the Z-shaped end surface.

***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Byrns (US Pat. 4,615,464) teaches molded container case with hinge.

Ebert et al (US Pat. 6,247,078) teach computer interface for integrating a first computer to second computer.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-2041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 to 5:00PM.

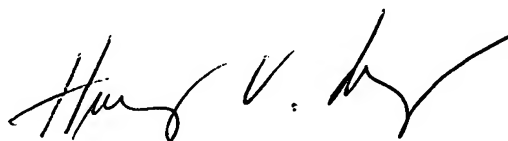
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn D. Feild can be reached on (571) 272-2092. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hung V. Duong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hung Duong  
Primary Examiner.